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More 'Intelligence' News

A FORMER HUNGARIAN freedom fighter named Istvan Meszaros was sentenced to two years by a West German court for betraying United States military secrets to the Hungarian Communists. The testimony also convicted American army intelligence of plain stupidity. It seems to have operated in Meszaros' case with the carefree gullibility of a farmhand at a carnival.

Meszaros was taken on as an agent for the American forces in April, 1958. After a short course in the rudiments of spying, he was slipped into Hungary and was immediately seized. He became a double agent and fed the Communists information for two years, until it finally dawned on the American forces that his operations weren't quite cricket.

We hope the current furor over the CIA's slipups in Cuba results in stopping this kind of slipshod boobery in all our intelligence services.